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Sent: Wed 2/12/2014 1:46:42 PM
Subject: FW: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants
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Anne, can you please review and let's talk. I asked Tito about the call to reconnoiter.

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From: Irizarry, Gilberto
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 8:41 AM
To: Stalcup, Dana; Leff, Karin
Subject: FW: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Dana S. (per our phonecon) and Karin:

Have you seen these ? I've already share with OGC. We will need to discuss.

Thanks,

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From: Beasley, Lynn

Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 3:21 PM

To: Irizarry, Gilberto

Cc: Tulis, Dana; Stanton, Larry

Subject: FW: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Tito,

I'm assuming you would be appropriate for this. Others?

Preference for conference call time(s)?

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Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 3:15 PM
To: Beasley, Lynn
Cc: Stanton, Larry; Tulis, Dana; Deitz, Randy
Subject: FW: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Lynn: I'm filling in for Randy today and would like to get the ball rolling on this rather than waiting for his return on Monday. Can you identify the right folks and provide some times for a possible conference call?

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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From: Snyder, Raquel
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:58 PM
To: Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy
Subject: FW: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Good afternoon,

Senator Schatz's office is asking for "technical feedback" on these two bills. I'd prefer to set up a call instead of putting anything in writing.

Can you check to see if folks have time the week of the 17th or 24th for a possible conference call?

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

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From: Torma, Timothy (Schatz) [mailto:Timothy_Torma@schatz.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:22 PM

To: Snyder, Raquel

Subject: RE: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Raquel,

Thanks very much for this and please convey thanks to OEM. I hope it was not difficult for them to get this!

We would welcome technical feedback or any views from EPA on the two CERCLA bills introduced by Senator Schatz. I have attached both bills and the background pieces for each.

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Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:00 PM

To: Torma, Timothy (Schatz)

Subject: RE: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Hi Tim,

EPA's Office of Emergency Management looked at the last 3 years of removal actions. For the past 3 years, approximately 10 removal actions per year have exceeded the \$2 million level.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

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From: Torma, Timothy (Schatz) [mailto:Timothy_Torma@schatz.senate.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:23 AM

To: Snyder, Raquel

Subject: RE: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Raquel,

Thank you very much for this information. I am surprised that there were “no reported removal action completions in FY 2013 or FY 2012 for pollutants and contaminants.” I know there was a federal removal action in Hawaii for molasses in 2013, but since Coast Guard was the lead agency, I suppose it would not show up in EPA data. I think the overall message here is that federal responses for pollutant/contaminants is not a common occurrence.

I look forward to any information you are able to provide on the waiver requests. Also, in case any folks at EPA are interested, I have attached background pieces and the two CERCLA bills introduced by Senators Schatz and Rockefeller. Please pass this information on to anyone at EPA you think might be interested.

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From: Snyder, Raquel [<mailto:Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:12 AM

To: Torma, Timothy (Schatz)

Subject: RE: Inquiry re: CERCLA emergency response actions due to releases of pollutants and contaminants

Hi Tim,

We're still working on the waiver request question but here some info regarding CERCLIS response actions.

The data below represents removal actions where EPA takes the response and funding lead and removal actions where the party responsible for the release (PRP) takes the response and funding lead with EPA providing oversight. Although our Superfund CERCLIS database does not differentiate between removal actions for hazardous substances vs. pollutants and contaminants, our Office of Emergency Management checked with our regional offices and found that there were no reported removal action completions in FY 2013 or FY 2012 for pollutants and contaminants.

This does not include oil responses.

FY	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
EPA-Led	21	19	21	23	17	1,03
	4	9	4	2	9	8
PRP-Led	15	19	19	19	12	85
	4	2	1	6	5	8

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

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